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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF REGIONAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS TO
SEOUL

SEOUL FOR ADMIN.

HONG KONG FOR RTC, RSS

TOKYO FOR RSO

REF: SEOUL 4886 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO MOVE EA REGIONAL
SECURITY HEADQUARTERS FROM HONG KONG TO SEOUL. MOVING RTC
LABORATORY WILL CONSTITUTE MAJOR EFFORT IN THIS RE-
LOCATION. SY/T WILL COORDINATE AND CONTROL ALL ASPECTS OF
THE RTC MOVE. END SUMMARY.

1. OIC VEA PRESENTLY ON HOME LEAVE AND PLANS TO MAINTAIN
HOME LEAVE SCHEDULE.

2. OIC/RTC PANAMA C.J. PELCZYNSKI HAS BEEN DESIGNATED
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LEADER OF RTC MOVE TASK FORCE BY SY.

3. PELCZYNSKI NOW IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION RE THIS MOVE. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE IN SEOUL ON AUGUST 5, NW FLIGHT 021, 1240 HOURS. PLEASE RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THREE NIGHTS.

4. PELCZYNSKI WILL MEET WITH SEOUL ADMIN. OFFICER TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF RTC LABORATORY AND OFFICE LAYOUT. HE WILL ALSO DRAWUP PLANS FOR OFFICE AND LABORATORY AREA MODIFICATIONS WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED.

5. PELCZYNSKI WILL PROCEED TO HONG KONG TO SUPERVISE DISASSEMBLY AND PACKING OF THE RTC FACILITY.

6. SY/T IS ATTEMPTING TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL SEABEES TO ASSIST HONG KONG PERSONNEL IN IMPLEMENTING THIS MOVE. FYI RTC MOVE FROM MANILA TO HONG KONG REQUIRED TWO TSOS AND FIVE SEABEES.

7. PELCZYNSKI HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT PACKING AND SHIPPING SCHEDULES AND SET TIMETABLE OF PERSONNEL MOVEMENT TO SEOUL FOR OPTIMUM LOGISTICAL ADVANTAGE.

8. FOR SEOUL: PLEASE PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO PELCZYNSKI IN PLANNING RTC LAYOUT. PLANS AS DISCUSSED WITH RSS MAY CHANGE AS RESULT OF PELCZYNSKI CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON. AS A RESULT OF DEPT. COUNTER-TERRORISM PACKAGE NOW BEFORE CONGRESS, SY PLANS TO ADD ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS TO ALL RTCS. CURRENT PLAN IS TO ASSIGN TWO ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS TO SEOUL RTC THIS FISCAL YEAR. IN ADDITION, PACKAGE CALLS FOR GREATLY INCREASED STORES OF TECHNICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE, ADDITIONAL SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR OFFICES, LABORATORY FACILITIES, AND CENTRAL REPOSITORY STORAGE.

9. FOR SEOUL: IN ORDER FOR RTC TO BE INOPERATIVE FOR THE SHORTEST TIME, SY/T PREFERS AIR SHIPMENT OF RTC EQUIPMENT. PLEASE CONSULT AIR ATTACHE TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF AIR FORCE AIR LIFT OF RTC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EQUIPMENT DURING THE WEEKS OF AUGUST 19 OR 26TH. SHIPMENT IS ESTIMATED TO BE NOT MORE THAN 32 TONS AND SIX THOUSAND CUBIC FEET. OF THIS, APPROXIMATELY 10 IS CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, 60 SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT, AND 30 UNCLASSIFIED. IF AIR SHIPMENT FEASIBLE ADVISE HONG KONG AND SY/T ASAP OF MAXIMUM SIZE LIFT VANS THAT COULD BE LOADED ON AIRCRAFT. ALSO ADVISE BUREAU AND SY/T OF ESTIMATED COST.

10. FOR TOKYO: RECENTLY, TWO EACH CLASS SIX VAULT DOORS ADDRESSED TO THE USLO PEKING SUPPOSEDLY WERE OFF LOADED IN JAPAN. PLEASE INVESTIGATE CURRENT LOCATION OF THESE DOORS AND SHIP ONE TO SEOUL FOR NEW RTC INSTALLATION.

11. FOR HONG KONG: RTC PERSONNEL ARE INSTRUCTED TO DEFER DISASSEMBLY OF RTC UNTIL PELCZYNSKI'S ARRIVAL ESTIMATED TO BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8.

12. FOR HONG KONG: POST IS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE SURFACE SHIPMENT AND SCHEDULES IN EVENT AIR FORCE AIR LIFT IS NOT POSSIBLE. ADVISE BUREAU AND SY/T OF TRANSIT TIME, FREQUENCY OF SHIPS AND COST. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THIS SHIPMENT VIA COMMERCIAL AIR FREIGHT. ADVISE ASAP.

13. FOR HONG KONG: BECAUSE OF SENSITIVE NATURE OF MUCH OF RTC EQUIPMENT, SEABEES AND TSOS WILL DO MOST PACKING OF THIS EQUIPMENT. POST SHOULD BEGIN ASSEMBLING PACKING MATERIAL IF ANY LEAD TIME REQUIRED. MOST EQUIPMENT WILL BE PACKED IN INDIVIDUAL HEAVY CARDBOARD CARTONS, BUT SOME DELICATE EQUIPMENT WILL REQUIRE WOODEN BOXES. FYI PADDING MUST BE FOAM RUBBER, HORSE HAIR, OR POLYURETHANE. SHREDDED PAPER, STRAW, ETC. IS NOT SUITABLE FOR PACKING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 160 CARDBOARD CARTONS AND 40 WOODEN BOXES WILL BE REQUIRED. OF CARBOARD CARTONS, ESTIMATE HALF WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 30 INCHES ON A SIDE, HALF APPROX. 18 INCHES ON A SIDE.

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14. FOR HONG KONG: SEABEE KEITH IS INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO SEOUL OVER WEEKEND OF AUGUST 4/5 TO JOIN PELCZYNSKI AT START OF BUSINESS MONDAY TO ASSIST DETAILS OF PARA. 4 ABOVE. ROGERS

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